

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 13-14, 17-20, 24-29, 31-33 and 35 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Specification

The Examiner objected to the disclosure for an informality. The Examiner asserts that page 19 of the specification describes that the computer readable medium includes a carrier wave. Applicant has amended the specification as indicated above. Therefore, Applicant requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to claim 14, the Examiner asserts that the preamble, transition phrase and body of the claim are not clearly defined. Further, the Examiner asserts that the body of the claim is directed to messages without any steps. The Examiner asserts that claims 17 and 18 are similarly rejected.

Applicant has amended claims 14, 17 and 18 as indicated above to more clearly distinguish the preamble from the method steps of the claim and to more clearly recite method

steps. Therefore, Applicant requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Examiner asserts that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter since they disclose an abstract idea without providing a useful or tangible result.

With respect to claim 25, the Examiner asserts that the claim appears to be directed to a message itself which the Examiner asserts is non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 25 as indicated above. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 25 should now be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 26, the Examiner asserts that claim 26 is directed to non-statutory subject matter since the computer readable medium includes a carrier wave.

The specification has been amended as discussed above. As the computer readable no longer includes a carrier wave, the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 26 should now be withdrawn.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 13, 19-20, 24, 27-29, 31-33 and 35 have been allowed.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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